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SECURITY INFORMATION

NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 128

1 April 1952

1. The following were present:

	Mr. Clinton	State
	Mr. Egbert	State
	Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
	Col. Kirgis	Navy
	Lt. Jones	Navy
	Lt. Col. Rush	Air Force
	Major Hession	Air Force
25X1A9a	*Mr. Amory	CIA
		CIA (Vice-Chairman)

*Mr. Robert Amory, Jr., Assistant Director, ORR

2. The Vice-Chairman reported that only 23 sections had been received in D/B in March out of a total of 109 sections due and overdue. He pointed out that agency production of NIS for January through March 1952 equaled only 55% of the numerical commitments for that 3 month period, and that a continuation of that rate of production would result in the production of the equivalent of about 5½ complete NIS during FY 1952, against a production goal of 8 NIS for the year. He stated that because of personnel cuts, diversion of production capabilities to higher priority projects, and other factors affecting production, the 8 NIS goal would in all probability not be reached. He then emphasized that the agencies should exert every effort to fulfill 75% of their commitments, which would be approximately 6 NIS. To meet this figure 152 sections, or approximately 51 per month, will have to be produced during the 3 remaining months of FY 1952. The Vice-Chairman asked for an expression from each of the members as to the possibility of achieving this goal.

State - Advised that his agency will be able to meet commitments except for certain sections of Chapter VI being produced by the Departments of Agriculture and Interior. He explained that the primary reason for defaults on these elements of Chapter VI lies in the fact that the producers are technical experts, but are not familiar with intelligence requirements. Thus, the elements they produce must, as a rule, be returned for corrections resulting in delays in submission of the material to D/B. Steps are being taken to rectify this situation, and the State member said that, with the above-mentioned exceptions, they will be able to meet at least an 85% fulfillment of the total commitment by June.

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Army - Reiterated that the principal factor affecting his agency's over-all production was the defection in Signal Corps contributions, and that this defection resulted from the ninety-day investigation to which this contributor had been subjected. With this exception, however, he expects his agency to fulfill approximately 90% of its commitments.

Navy - Reported that in an effort to pick up production his agency is requiring the preparation of a monthly report in each of the branches which pinpoints the weakest spots, and serves as a spur to increased effort. He feels that by the end of the FY they will have fulfilled about 80% of their commitments.

Air Force - Referred to the recent move of the Air Weather Unit to a new location which materially retarded progress in the production of Sections 23 (Weather and Climate). The bottleneck in Graphics Division, which has been engaged in completing a high priority project for NATO has also greatly encumbered Air Force production. However, this agency will be able to reach an 80% fulfillment of commitment.

The Vice-Chairman urged the members to stress to their contributors that in the drive to attain the objective of 6 NIS for FY 1952 quality must not be sacrificed, as this would only result in further delays.

3. In accordance with the Committee's decision to re-examine the current list of controlled NIS areas, the Vice-Chairman distributed copies of this list together with a list indicating agency action in establishing these controls. (Refer to paragraph 10, NIS Committee Meeting No. 127). The Air Force member suggested that the service agencies establish criteria upon which to base their determinations as to changes and revisions which should be made in the list. The Air Force member undertook to discuss this suggestion with the other service members of the Committee with a view to reaching agreement on the basis for establishing NIS controls. Committee members will study the list and will submit their recommendations for discussion at the second Committee meeting hence. At the same time they will be prepared to present proposals as to what should be done with regard to those NIS elements which already have been disseminated to other than U. S. Officials in event it is determined that the areas concerned should be controlled in the future.

4. The Vice-Chairman referred to a memorandum from the Coordinator of the Chapter IX NIS, which relates to duplication in maps and other contributions of that portion of subsection 91-C-5 prepared by the Maritime Security Division of the Hydrographic Office. An analysis of 22 of the Chapter IX studies showing what maps were used of those submitted by the contributing office accompanied the memorandum. Because of duplication and other difficulties encountered in the production of this sub-section, the coordinator suggested that (a) the portion of the sub-section contributed by the Maritime Security Division be omitted entirely, or (b) that production responsibility be transferred from MSD to the Division of Chart Construction. This latter procedure would elim-

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inate the duplication that occurs when MSD prepares a hydrographic chart which will, of necessity, appear in the contribution of the Division of Chart Construction. The Vice-Chairman expressed the opinion that the sub-section should not be omitted entirely, and pointed out that the alternative proposal concerns a reallocation of production responsibility over which Navy has sole jurisdiction. The Navy member will take the matter under study and it will be reopened for discussion at the next Committee meeting.

5. The Vice-Chairman distributed copies of NIS Memorandum No. 17, dated 18 March 1952, outlining the approved downgrading of certain aspects of the NIS Program. (Refer to paragraph 2, NIS Committee Meeting No. 127). This memorandum, which supersedes NIS Memorandum No. 15, dated 10 October 1950, will be mimeographed and disseminated to contributors and recipients of NIS publications.

6. The Vice-Chairman distributed copies of Supplementary NIS Editorial Instructions 52-1, on the subject of NIS style for Foreign Corporate and Plant Names. The Air Force and Army members requested that they be furnished with fifty additional copies each, and the Navy member indicated a need for thirty copies. The State member already has received a number of copies and will advise D/B as to possible additional requirements.

7. The Vice-Chairman referred to memoranda received from the Air Force and Navy members outlining a number of revisions for the tentative FY 1953 production schedule. He stated that the tentative FY 1953 production schedule would be reviewed by the Committee within approximately 60 days for the purpose of making such adjustments as may be necessary to provide definite submission dates for unfulfilled FY 1952 commitments, and that the changes recommended by Navy and Air Force, and any other changes desired by the members, would be brought up for consideration at that time.

8. Members were informed by the Vice-Chairman that the NIS errata and maintenance files in D/B are available for use by agency personnel in connection with NIS production under the maintenance program. These files contain significant commentary, additional information, and errata relating to future revision of published NIS. These files are maintained in NIS area and subject matter categories for the primary use of the Editorial Staff in D/B. However, personnel engaged in the production of NIS in the agencies should consult these files before undertaking revisions under the NIS maintenance program. The Errata and Maintenance Editor 25X1A9a can be reached on Code 143, Extension 2618.

9. The Air Force member requested that the qualitative adequacy rating procedures in D/B be re-examined with a view to providing some means of furnishing contributors with information as to the basis for ratings given by the D/B Editorial Staff. The Army member said that the D/B ratings were of considerable help to him in dealing with NIS producing components in the Department of the Army, but that some contributors had expressed dissatisfaction with what they consider to be the arbitrary setting of a qualitative rating by a Chapter Editor. The Vice-Chairman undertook to look into the matter and will

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report at a later meeting as to whether or not a change in present procedures is feasible.

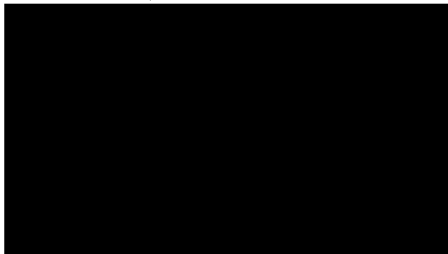
10. The Army member referred to a communication which his agency had received from the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, General Headquarters, Far East Command, transmitting a map and list of place names for submission to the Board of Geographic Names for approval prior to their use in Chapter II, [REDACTED] The Vice-Chairman undertook to have BGN expedite action on this material.

This memorandum also referred to the desire of GHQ, FECOM, that representatives from Army and CIA [REDACTED] give guidance in the preparation of the NIS elements being produced by FECOM. The Army member advised that he had been designated to make the trip, and he suggested that one representative from D/G, and one from D/B be designated to accompany him. Mr. Amory indicated approval subject to concurrence of the DDI. The Vice-Chairman will prepare the necessary staff study. The Army member undertook to determine the status of the Navy and Air Force contributions essential to the production of Section 21 of the study for the information of GHQ, FECOM.

11. The Navy member inquired as to whether or not a survey had ever been undertaken for the purpose of ascertaining the value of the NIS to the users. The Vice-Chairman stated that this matter had been discussed several times, and that it was the consensus of the Committee that such a survey should be delayed pending the production and dissemination of a sufficient quantity of NIS to make such a survey worthwhile. The Navy member said that such comments as had been received by his agency had usually been restricted to certain portions only of the studies, and that what is desired is the reaction to the entire study. At the suggestion of the Vice-Chairman the feasibility of undertaking a general survey to determine the value of NIS to users was taken under study by the Committee.

12. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 15 April 1952.

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